1	2	3
23.	Rajasthan	11
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tamil Nadu	23
26.	Tripura	4
27.	Uttaranchal	4
28.	Uttar Pradesh	24
29.	West Bengal	19
	TOTAL :	338

V.P.Ts. by private companies

4977. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that almost all the private basic telephone companies have failed to fulfil their contractual obligation to install Village Public Telephones (VPTs);

(b) if so, whether Government are considering certain other ways of making these companies to install the committed number of Village Public Telephones;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The private operators have consistently been insisted upon by the Government to complete their unfulfilled performance obligation either by themselves or by working out arrangements to utilize the infrastructure of other service provider in their service area.

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†4978. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

†The original notice of the question was received in Hindi.